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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, ECOSOC, UN, CA

SUBJECT: FIRST MEETING OF UN OVERVIEW MEETING: CANADIAN  
ASSESSMENT

REF: USUN 606

1. SUMMARY. CANADIANS REASONABLY SATISFIED WITH OUTCOME  
OF FEB 13-17 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF UN OVERVIEW.  
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HOWEVER, GOC WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT COMMITTEE MEET  
LESS FREQUENTLY PRIOR TO 33RD UNGA. THEY WILL WORK TO  
REDUCE LENGTH OF JUNE MEETING AND TO EFFECT CHANGES IN  
ITS AGENDA. GOC REMAINS SKEPTICAL AS TO UTILITY OF THIS  
FORUM. END SUMMARY.

2. GENERAL REACTION: PER REFTEL, EMBOFF DISCUSSED GOC  
REACTION TO RESULTS OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF OVERVIEW  
WITH A. WRIGHT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EXTAFF GENERAL ECONOMIC  
POLICY DIVISION. WRIGHT INDICATED THAT CANADIANS ARE  
REASONABLY SATISFIED WITH OUTCOME OF ORGANIZATIONAL SES-  
SION. THEY FELT THAT TONE WAS POSITIVE AND THAT  
ALGERIAN CHAIRMAN WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK HARD TO ACHIEVE  
MELDING OF G-77 AND WEO POSITIONS ON KEY ISSUES. GOC  
REMAINS SKEPTICAL AS TO USEFULNESS OF OVERVIEW FORUM,  
BUT WILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE IT AS EFFECTIVE AS POSSIBLE,  
GIVEN LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY SIZE OF COMMITTEE.  
CANADIANS ALSO FORESEE PROBLEM OF DEFINING ROLE OF  
COMMITTEE, NOTING THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR COMMITTEE  
TO ACT AS STIMULANT TO NEGOTIATIONS IN OTHER FORA  
WITHOUT ITSELF ENGAGING IN NEGOTIATIONS.

3. FREQUENCY AND LENGTH OF MEETINGS: IN CANADIAN  
VIEW, AGREEMENT TO HOLD TWO MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS  
AND SHORT MEETING JUST PRIOR TO 33RD UNGA WILL RENDER  
DIFFICULT THE TASK OF ADEQUATE PREPARATION OF MEETINGS.  
STRONG CANADIAN PREFERENCE WAS FOR FEWER MEETINGS.  
CONVENING OF "CRISIS" MEETINGS SHOULD BE RESISTED AS  
IT WOULD TURN OVERVIEW INTO A NEGOTIATING FORUM.  
WRIGHT ALSO COMPLAINED THAT PLANNED LENGTH OF MAY AND  
JUNE MEETINGS WAS EXCESSIVE; GOC FEELS THAT WEO COUNTRIES

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SHOULD GO "BACK TO THE BARRICADES" AT MAY MEETING TO  
ATTEMPT TO LIMIT JUNE SESSION TO MAXIMUM OF ONE WEEK.

4. AGENDA: WHILE CONTENT WITH AGENDA AGREED FOR MAY  
OVERVIEW SESSION, CANADIANS HAVE SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS  
WITH TENTATIVE AGENDA PROPOSED FOR JUNE MEETING.  
WRIGHT NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT JUNE AGENDA WOULD BE  
REEXAMINED IN MAY. CANADIANS CONSIDER THIS DECISION  
TO BE A REASONABLE OUTCOME - INDEED, ALL WEO COUNTRIES  
COULD HAVE EXPECTED.

5. SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS: CANADIAN POSITION ON  
ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN MAY WILL EVOLVE OVER NEXT FEW  
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WEEKS. THEY EMPHASIZED NEED FOR WEO COUNTRIES TO CONSULT  
CLOSELY DURING PREPARATION PROCESS. ENDERS

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